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SUBJECT: CIVAIR- AVIATION FUEL SUPPLIES

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1. MINFORAFFAIRS INFORMS US THAT NO RPT NO SHORTAGE IN AVIATION FUEL PRESENTLY EXISTS OR IS ENVISAGED IN NEAR FUTURE. MINFORAFFAIRS SOURCE ALSO SAYS THAT NO CONTINGENCY PLANNING EXISTS OR UNDERWAY ALTHOUGH MINECONAFFAIRS "OBVIOUSLY WATCHING SITUATION CLOSELY." PANAM CONFIRMS THAT FUEL SUPPLIES READILY AVAILABLE AND THAT SUPPLIERS (IN PAA'S CASE CHEVRON) DO NOT EXPECT SHORTAGE.

2. BELGIUM PETROLEUM INDUSTRY REFINES SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF JET FUEL IN EXCESS LOCAL CONSUMPTION. IN 1971 (PRIOR TO OPENING OF MAJOR NEW CHEVRON REFINERY IN FELUY), BELGIUM PRODUCED APPROXIMATELY 360,000 METRIC TONS OF JP-4 OF WHICH 207,000 TONS WERE CONSUMED LOCALLY AND 176,000 TONS WERE

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EXPORTED. IN SAME YEAR BELGIAN INDUSTRY PRODUCED 772,000

METRIC TONS JP-1 OF WHICH 179,000 WERE CONSUMED LOCALLY, 650,342 MT WERE EXPORTED. (47,000 MT OF JP-1 WERE ALSO IMPORTED REFLECTING REGIONAL NATURE OF BELGIAN INDUSTRY.) BELGIUM DOES IMPORT ALMOST ALL ITS REGULAR AVIATION FUEL (15,880 MT IN 1971) BUT THIS APPEARS TO BE LARGELY MARKETING DECISION.

3. AS LONG AS CRUDE PETROLEUM IMPORTS CONTINUE BELGIUM SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE MEETING LOCAL DEMAND AND CONTINUING TO EXPORT TO NEIGHBORS. WE ASSUME SHORTFALLS IN CRUDE DELIVERIES WOULD AFFECT EXPORTS AND THEREFORE SUPPLIES IN FRANCE, GERMANY AND NETHERLANDS BEFORE PRODUCING SHORTAGE IN LOCAL SUPPLY SITUATION.
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